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NATIONAL PURITY CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, OCTOBER 9-11, 1906

Arrangements for the National Purity Conference to be held in Chicago, October 9, 10, and 11, have been steadily going forward, and warrant the belief that we are to have very much the best gathering of persons interested in the promotion of purity that has ever been called in our country.

ITS IMPORTANCE

The importance of this conference cannot be overestimated. The time is ripe for united, national effort to be directed against the organized traffic in virtue. Events the past months of even more than usual boldness and flagrance have occurred to give publicity to this organized traffic. There is an interest in the purity movement, awakened, no doubt, by these facts made public, much greater than ever before noticed by our oldest workers. People are looking to us to lead in some united effort which shall bring relief from this awful debauchery of our sons and daughters.

NATIONAL PURITY FEDERATION

This conference is called by, and will be held under the auspices of, the National Purity Federation, which was founded at the National Purity Conference held at La Crosse, Wis., in October, 1905. The officers, executive committee, and object are as follows:

OFFICERS: President, B. S. Steadwell, La Crosse, Wis.; Vice-President, Miss Katharine Bushnell, Oakland, Cal.; Corresponding Secretary, Sidney C. Kendall, Long Beach, Cal.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rose Woodallen Chapman, Brooklyn; Treasurer, Dr. Carolyn Geisel, Battle Creek, Mich.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Anthony Comstock, New York City; Dr. Emma F. A. Drake, Denver; Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, New York City; Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Mich.; Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Brooklyn; Miss Belle H. Mix, Danville, Ia.; Professor Newton N. Riddell, Chicago; Miss Hattie Dickson, Marshalltown, Ia.; Mrs. Lenora Lake, St. Louis; Mrs. Elizabeth Andrew, Oakland, Cal.; Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Baltimore; Mrs. V. A. Barnes, St. Louis; Rev. Dr. H. Pereira Mendes, New York City; Mrs. Julia Kurtz, Milwaukee, Wis.; J. T. Upchurch, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Nora E. R. Perkins, Milwaukee.

OFFICIAL ORGAN: *The Light*, published at La Crosse, Wis.

The object of this Federation shall be to unite in national co-operation all those forces in the United States that are striving to promote purity in the life of the individual, in social relations, and in family life by preventive, rescue, educational, reformatory, law enforcement, and legislative lines of effort.

DELEGATES

Delegates from churches, reform societies, labor unions, temperance organizations, social settlements, and all bodies promoting purity, will be welcome at this conference, as well as individuals who are interested in the cause which it is called to further. The Federation, while distinctly and thoroughly religious, is not connected with any sect and is independent of any political party, philosophical school, and religious confession. All will be welcome. Come!

REDUCED RAILROAD RATES

The Western Passenger Association, Central Passenger Association, and Southwestern Excursion Bureau have each granted a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip from all points in their respective territory. It is fully expected that all passenger associations in the United States will concur in these low rates. Local ticket agents can give all necessary information after September 1. Delegates should observe that these rates will be on the regular certificate plan. When purchasing your ticket for Chicago, ask your ticket agent for *certificate* (not receipt) duly filled out. If you cannot buy through ticket, get certificate for each ticket purchased. When signed by joint agent, who will be present on Wednesday and Thursday, and for which he will charge twenty-five cents each, the certificate will enable you to buy return ticket for one-third regular fare, provided one hundred delegates holding certificates are present at the conference.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS AT CHICAGO

The local arrangements at Chicago are in charge of a very able committee, composed of the following: Rev. William Burgess, Chairman, 6822 South Park Avenue; Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Bishop Samuel T. Fallows, Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber, Mrs. J. B. Caldwell, Dr. David Paulson, Rev. Dr. John Balcom Shaw, Professor W. S. Jackman, and Rev. Joseph F. Flint.

This committee has already performed much work and promises as every provision for the comfort of delegates and the convenience of the conference.

PLACE OF HOLDING THE CONFERENCE

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones and his people of All Souls' Church have very generously and kindly offered the Abraham Lincoln Center for our conference. The offer was promptly accepted by the Chicago committee. Lincoln Center is located at the corner of Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue (between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Streets, near Cottage Grove Avenue), and is conveniently reached from all parts of the city by street cars. The auditorium of Lincoln Center will accommodate nearly one thousand people, and there are ample rooms for rest, sectional meetings, and committee work. The management will serve supper each evening of the conference for the convenience of delegates, at a price of only twenty-five cents. It is possible that lunches will also be served. There are very excellent hotels located within convenient distance of Lincoln Center. Very reasonable rates have been secured for delegates which will enable them to keep expenses down to a low figure.

THE PROGRAM

The chief interest in a gathering of this nature centers in the program, and we are fortunate this year in having assured the very best program ever given at a purity conference. Men and women from all sections of our country who have attained eminence in their chosen work will present thorough discussions covering every phase of the purity question.

Delegates should plan to arrive in Chicago as early as possible on Tuesday morning, October 9. At 10 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee, and at 1:30 o'clock there will meet in different rooms at Lincoln Center, two sectional conferences. The one dealing with "Purity Instruction in Schools" is in charge of a committee with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis as chairman, while Rev. Sidney C. Kendall is arranging the sectional meeting on the "White Slave Traffic." At 4 o'clock a joint meeting will be held, being the first meeting of the general conference, at which committees will be announced and the presi-

dent's address delivered. On Wednesday and Thursday three sessions will be held each day.

SPEAKERS

Space does not permit more than the mention of speakers thus far secured. A number not here given will appear on the program.

Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, Ph.D., Washington, D. C.; Mr. Anthony Comstock, New York City; Mrs. Lenora Lake, St. Louis; Maria Lydia Winkler, Berlin, Germany; John B. Lennon, treasurer, American Federation of Labor; Miss Frances A. Kellor, New York City; Professor Newton N. Riddell, Chicago; Mary Church Terrell, Washington; Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek; Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber, Chicago; Rev. Sylvanus Stall, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. Father Coffey, St. Louis; Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Brooklyn; Mrs. Rose Woodallen Chapman, Brooklyn; Theodore Schroeder, New York City; Ada Wallace Unruh, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, New York City; Delos F. Wilcox, Ph.D., Detroit; Mother Prindle, Boston; Miss Belle H. Mix, Danville, Ia.; Mr. J. B. Caldwell, Chicago; Mrs. Mary E. Teats, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Charlton Edholm Sibley, Tucson, Ariz.; Rev. Wiley J. Phillips, Los Angeles; Mrs. E. M. Adams, Mound City, Kan.; Dr. Hattie E. Schwendener, St. Joseph, Mich.; Dr. Emma F. A. Drake, Denver; Rev. Charles Mitchell, Guthrie, Okla.; Rev. George Rheinfrank, Le Mars, Ia.; Mrs. Sarah F. Bond, Oklahoma City; Rev. Albert Godley, Munice, Ind.; Mr. Richard R. Lee, Omaha.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete program, including full information relative to railroad rates, hotels, sectional conferences, etc., will be ready for mailing by September 15. These will be sent free of cost in any quantity requested to all applicants. Address further inquiries to NATIONAL PURITY FEDERATION, B. S. Steadwell, President, La Crosse, Wis.

You are most cordially invited to attend the National Purity Conference. The conference will represent the true federation spirit, and no matter what phase of the purity movement, the greatest cause on earth, you are interested in, you will find here people who are devoting their lives to the prosecution of just that work and ample consideration given to same on the program. Urge other interested persons to come and organizations to send delegates. No one truly devoted to the cause of purity can afford to miss this conference. Come anticipating that our fellowship together shall accomplish much for our movement.